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# 's gone mighty!

g a model. "I was a real ag when I was younger," s. "When I left school I aauty therapist. omers kept asking if I'd it about modelling. a woman who came for a mentioned it again and I aybe I should give it a 've never looked back," also adding a touch of o Guy Ritchie's new ick Revolver, which is eing filmed in London. other ambitions? She love to go into a s and see myself on the lossy magazine. uld be amazing! From

just starting out, going on to the ad campaigns and now being in the Daily Star, it feels like my career's progressing exactly how I want it."

But despite her success, Ruthie – who recently got married – is determined to keep her feet on the ground.

## Undies

"That's one reason I've continued to live in Ashford," she adds. "I've got the best of both worlds. "And my husband never has to buy me sexy undies. He gets to see all the hot new sets before they even hit the shops!"

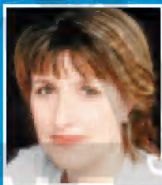
Which makes him a lucky fella...





# Just Jane

JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY AND EVERY DAY



TWO weeks ago I received this letter from a reader.  
LAST July my next door neighbour confided in me and revealed that her marriage was in trouble. Her husband was having an affair and hitting her.

One night she came rushing into my house in tears, she begged me to go to help her to get him out. I tried to reason with him, but he pushed me, so I called the police.

He was arrested and charged, but now she's back with him and neither of them are talking to me!

Suddenly she's telling everyone that I overstepped the mark and made a bad situation even worse.

I feel wretched. All I was trying to do was help.

Here are some of your replies:

## RIGHT TO REPLY



LIKE your reader, I learned the hard way to keep my nose out of other people's business. My cousin's husband was hitting her and she asked me to intervene. I did, and he ended up hitting me! My husband then went round and punched him and ended up getting arrested. The resulting rows split the family and half of us are still not speaking to the other.

NAME WITHHELD.

YOUR reader may feel isolated, but she did the best thing. She exposed a wife beater and now his crime is on record. His poor wife may be too scared to leave him, but now everyone else knows what a thug he is.

Ms JANICE HARDY, Kent.  
I LIVE in a very tight knit community where couples row and fight with each other all the time. Lots of neighbours have tried to involve me, but I always tell them to sort out their own problems. The thing is, you never truly know what is going on behind closed doors. People's relationships are very complex. If you get involved, it invariably backfires.

Mrs NADIA DAVIES, Manchester.

NOW what do you think that this reader should do?

I STUPIDLY organised a blind date between my best friend and a guy at my work. I didn't know him well, but he looked OK. Unfortunately she hated him. She said he was weird and kept talking about guns and death. I told him she didn't want to see him again, but now he's turned against me.

He keeps e-mailing me and trapping me in corners. He insists that I should force my mate to give him another chance and that it's my responsibility to make it happen. I'm beginning to feel scared and don't know what to do.

Send your replies to the address at the foot of the page. The best will be printed in two weeks.

# I'm hot for my best friend's husband

## 'Slag' slur so unfair

MY boyfriend insists on sex any time, any place, anywhere.

I love sex, too, but not when my parents are sitting in the next room or the children I'm babysitting have just gone to bed.

I feel he takes too many risks and gets me to do things I'm not comfortable with. I'm 17 and he's 21.

A couple of weeks ago, he insisted on a blow job just as my sister was driving her car out of the garage.

Two minutes later, she was back looking for her purse - and caught us at it. It was so embarrassing. Now she's threatening to tell mum that I'm a slag.

JANE SAYS: Your boyfriend sounds controlling and unpleasant.

If he can't restrain himself and respect the fact that you prefer sex in privacy, he's not the guy for you. He may be a couple of years older than you, but he sounds very immature.

You're not the slag - he's the scum. If you're not careful, he could get you into a lot of trouble. I believe that you could do a whole lot better than him.

## MY best friend is going nuts. She knows her husband is having an affair.

He keeps staying out all night and they haven't made love in months.

Each morning she rings me in tears begging me to help her. She wants us to try and "track this bitch down and make her pay" (her words, not mine). There's only one problem with that

- I'm the other woman. I'm the bitch. I'm the one who's having wild sex with her husband while mine is working away in Germany.

## Naughty

I'm the one who rubs his back with sweet oils, kisses his toes and rides him stupid until daybreak.

My friend thinks that she can trust and confide in me, but I'm the one

who dresses up in his favourite naughty nurse outfit and gives him regular "check-ups".

Don't get me wrong. I'm not proud of myself. I'm not gloating. I don't like the fact that I'm a cheat and a liar, but I'm in too far to know what to do next.

I'm addicted to sex with my best friend's fella - it's spine-tinglingly good and he makes me feel special.

My hubby is due home for Christmas. But I've got a horrible feeling that the truck will hit the fan before then and I don't know what I'm going to do next.

JANE SAYS: You don't have any choice; you've got to end this stupid affair now. If you don't, you risk ruining your own marriage, your mate's marriage and your friendship.

Tell your lover he's no longer to contact you and concentrate on putting your house in order.

Ring your husband, show an interest in his work and start preparing for your best Christmas ever.

If your husband has been away for a long time, then I suppose I can understand your temptation to stray.

But that doesn't excuse it. It's important that you put this affair behind you now and concentrate on doing the right thing.

## FEUD FOR THOUGHT

I'VE met a great girl who's really blown me away. She's always so full of energy, ideas and enthusiasm.

Sex with her is just fantastic, because she never seems to tire. Some nights we go on and on until dawn. Just as I think she's about to go to sleep, she leaps on me and suggests yet another position.

We've only been together for three months, but she already wants us to have a party and get engaged. I'm quite happy for this to happen, since I've never met any of her family and I'm quite keen to settle down.

But now she's announced that none of her family will be coming because she doesn't speak to any of her folks. She won't exactly say why, but once muttered something about them interfering in her life.

I find this so strange, especially as

I'm really close to my own folks. I was confiding in my twin sister the other night and she warned me that women who don't speak to their mums are trouble. Should I be concerned?

JANE SAYS: There could be all sorts of reasons why your girl has fallen out with her family - money, abuse, disapproval etc. But I think you've got to find out what her reason is before you proceed.

If you are planning a future together, you need to know what has gone on in her previous life. If she refuses to tell you the truth, perhaps you should cool things a bit and think about how you feel.

I'm slightly concerned that matters are moving too fast as it is and that she's forcing the pace. She sounds a highly excitable individual. You've only known her a short while, so why don't you give things a little more time?



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Forever Joe

LATER...



OHMIGOD... I've just remembered Cassie

Who...?



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I don't want to

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- 3 (2) ALIEN Vs PREDATOR £817,830
- 4 (-) FINDING NEVERLAND £776,124
- 5 (4) THE PRINCESS DIARIES 2 £678,115
- 6 (-) EXORCIST: THE BEGINNING £577,128
- 7 (5) WHITE CHICKS £413,571
- 8 (6) SAW £386,798
- 9 (9) 5 CHILDREN & IT £289,910
- 10 (7) BRIDE AND PREJUDICE £245,693

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## TOP 10

- 1 (-) SHREK 2
- 2 (1) TROY
- 3 (3) FAHRENHEIT 9/11
- 4 (2) DAY AFTER TOMORROW
- 5 (5) THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
- 6 (-) DAWN OF THE DEAD
- 7 (5) EURO TRIP
- 8 (6) ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND
- 9 (-) SCOOPY-DO 2
- 10 (4) GINGER SNAPS UNLEASHED

## US TOP 10

- 1 (1) THE GRUDGE \$21,817,598
- 2 (-) RAY \$20,039,730
- 3 (-) SAW \$18,276,468
- 4 (2) SHARK TALE \$7,502,096
- 5 (3) SHALL WE DANCE? \$6,285,963
- 6 (4) FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS \$4,085,440
- 7 (6) LADDER 49 \$3,256,363
- 8 (5) TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE \$3,083,704
- 9 (7) SURVIVING CHRISTMAS \$2,435,652
- 10 (8) TAXI \$2,106,136

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## COMING SOON



**NEXT WEEK:** There's something seriously sinister about US vice-presidential candidate Liev Schreiber and it's up to US Army Major Denzel Washington to find out the truth in a remake of classic 1964 thriller *The Manchurian Candidate*.

**THE WEEK AFTER:** Kevin Spacey doubles as director and star to play the famous American singer Bobby Darin (of *Mac the Knife* Fame) and Kate Bosworth is cast as his Hollywood movie star wife Sandra Dee in the biopic *Beyond the Sea*.

# Billy Bob sleighs 'em as Bad Santa



**XMAS SPIRIT:** Billy Bob gets sup to mischief as Bad Santa

**BAD SANTA (15)**  
**GIVE three cheers for a comedy so tasteless it makes American Pie look like a Girl Guide pageant.**

If Scrooge were alive, this supremely cynical show would be his favourite film.

The best thing you can say about Billy Bob Thornton's drunken, foul-mouthed womanising ex-jailbird Willie is that he's out of jail and snarling sarcastically at the kids during his annual stint as a department store Santa.

But in fact, the job's just a cover.

Billy Bob's really an ace safecracker who, with his evil elf accomplice Marcus (Tony Cox) robs the store safe after the shoppers leave until, in Phoenix, a store detective unmasks them and demands half the haul...

Other tasty ingredients in this disgracefully enjoyable antidote to Yuletide cheer include a woman who is turned on by Billy Bob's costume and a dim kid who mistakes him for the real Santa.

If there was anything PC in the slew of vulgar verbal and visual gags I must have

blinded and missed it - no joke is too low for the players to put over with passion.

But if you're in the mood for a pitch black comedy that leaves little untainted by all-out vulgarity then Billy Bob and Co provide.

And if Christmas shopping gets you down and you want cheering up these lively low jinks should do the trick.

Oh, and if your kids behave badly don't cancel their presents, just warn them that Bad Santa's on his way.

**VERDICT: 8/10**

**BIRTH (15)**  
**LAUREN** Bacall does her typical bitchy old bat bit as Nicole Kidman's mother in this offbeat, undeniably gripping drama - leaving Kidman to steal the show with a performance that, unlike *The Hours*, doesn't require a false nose.

It's a strange story: 10 years after Kidman is widowed, a 10-year-old boy (Cameron Bright) confronts her and claims he's the reincarnation of her dead husband and, even more bizarrely, she starts to believe him.

British director Jonathan "Sexy Beast" Glazer keeps you guessing as intriguing *Twilight Zone*-style events unfold, and he and stages some seriously startling scenes.

Kidman is terrific while Bright matches her with uncanny conviction.

**VERDICT: 6/10**

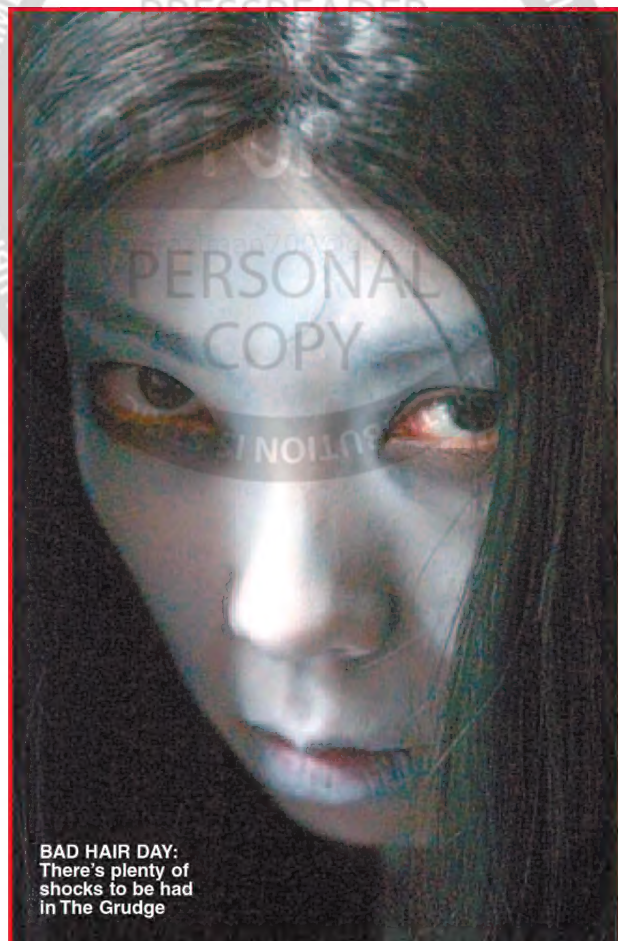


**ELF SERVICE:** There's plenty of BIG laughs

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# the Christmas story as it gets chilly in the Far East



**BAD HAIR DAY:** There's plenty of shocks to be had in *The Grudge*

## Buffy back on the case

**THE GRUDGE (15)**  
"THERE is something evil there," says exchange student Sarah Michelle Gellar when she travels to Tokyo to care for a catatonic old woman - and she's not wrong.

When she hears strange scratching sounds from upstairs she foolishly follows in the footsteps of most horror film heroines and goes to investigate instead of legging it. Straight away she's plunged into

a shocking nightmare of supernatural terror.

You might think that after all those years as Buffy, Sarah would be able to deal with any horrific happening.

### Shocker

But that's not the case and she starts falling apart under the onslaught of a vile curse.

Like *The Ring*, it's an American remake of a hit Japanese shocker, and served up by the original director Takashi Shimizu with lashings of creepy atmosphere and jumpy moments.

However, the rickety plot just makes it more eerie than scary.

If the rest of the movie matched a frightening opening sequence then it would have been a horror flick winner; but, despite Sarah's suffering and some suitably grisly special effects it's all pretty routine.

**VERDICT:** 6/10



**SPOOKED:** Even Buffy can get scared

**THE HOME AT THE END OF THE WORLD (15)**  
THE saga of twenty-something Bobby (Colin Farrell) who sets up home with his lover Clare (Robin Wright Penn) and his gay childhood friend (Dallas Roberts) who loves him, seems like an unlikely vehicle for Hollywood hellraiser Farrell.

But the small-scale drama comes off surprisingly well thanks to a good script, Michael Mayer's persuasive direction and, most surprisingly of all, to Farrell's fine, sensitive performance. Who'd have guessed he could actually act well?

**VERDICT:** 5/10

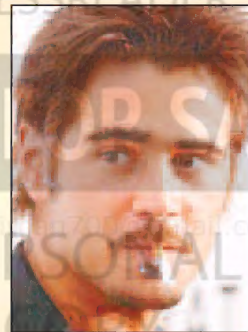
**LOOK AT ME (12A)**  
THIS charming satire truly doesn't end until the fat girl

## BEST AND WORST OF THE REST

sings: she's overweight 20-year-old Marilou Berry who thinks her boyfriend doesn't love her for herself but rather for her famed novelist father's fortune. Happily she's proved wrong.

There's no bloodshed, no martial arts mayhem and no violence but despite the film's simplicity, the Cannes Jury headed by Quentin Tarantino gave the smart script a prize so worth giving it a shot.

**VERDICT:** 6/10



**TOP ACT:** Colin Farrell

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**DOUBLE TROUBLE:**  
Cloning doc Robert De Niro with his 'creation' Cameron Bright in Godsend

**HUMAN cloning takes a sinister twist in new video release Godsend.**

And we're giving you the chance to win a copy of this classy horror flick, starring Robert De Niro, Greg Kinnear and the gorgeous Rebecca Romijn Stamos.

The spine-chiller tells how the happy home life of teacher Paul Duncan (Kinnear) and his photographer wife Jessie (Romijn Stamos) is torn apart when son Adam dies in a road accident. They are approached by Dr Richard Wells (De Niro), who offers to clone their lost son.

All goes well for eight years - until the clone reaches the age at which his "twin" Adam died. The boy suddenly

starts to have nightmare visions of a lad whose life intersects with his own.

To celebrate the home release of Godsend on Monday, we've teamed up with Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment to give away 10 DVDs and 10 VHS videos of the film.

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**ALAN FRANK'S VIDEO VIEW**

**TOP TIP**  
**The Hitchcock Collection Box Set (PG) (Universal DVD)**  
HAVING become the most famous British film-maker ever, master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock left his native London and headed for Hollywood, which he conquered with ease directing some of cinema's finest thrillers.

In Hitch's taut wartime suspense Saboteur, Robert Cummings is accused of industrial sabotage when fire breaks out in his factory and has to flee from the law and prove his innocence: the climax on the Statue of Liberty is an absolute classic.

Young Teresa Wright wonders if her favourite uncle Joseph Cotton could be a deadly serial slayer in the enthralling Shadow of a Doubt while psychopathic students Farley Granger and John Dall commit murder just for kicks in Rope.

Hitchcock's wicked wit shines when Shirley MacLaine finds a corpse more inconvenient than horrible in the black comedy The Trouble With Harry and James Stewart and Doris Day face fear in The Man Who Knew Too Much.

Finally there is Hitchcock's great horror classic Psycho, which does for motels what Saddam Hussein did for Iraq, and gave Janet Leigh her finest hour in the shower with a deranged killer in Anthony Perkins' scary motel.

**VERDICT: 10/10**

**BEST OF THE REST**  
**The Woody Allen Collection (15) (MGM DVD)**  
ONCE upon a time, before he went badly off the boil, Woody Allen wrote, directed and starred in some of the wittiest hit comedies made in the USA.

Diane Keaton's terrific turn as a neurotic singer involved with equally hung-up comic Woody won her the Oscar for Annie Hall before she was back with Woody for the spoof Russian historical epic Love and Death.

Woody supplied splendidly silly skits for the mad farce as well as the witty romantic comedy Manhattan.

Earlier still, he drew inspiration from Charlie Chaplin for the lunatic gag-packed spoof of South American revolution and laughed at sci-fi when he woke up in the future with Sleepers.

**VERDICT: 9/10**

**FAMILY CHOICE**  
**Laurel and Hardy Box Set: March of the Wooden Soldiers/Bogus Bandits (U) (Eureka)**  
IN March of the Wooden Soldiers Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy shine as the brainless but ever optimistic Dum and Dee who work at a toy factory and cause comic chaos when they get an order from Santa Claus utterly wrong.

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invades Toyland and our heroes save the day.

In the comedy musical Bogus Bandits Stan and Ollie deliver an enjoyable quota of lively laughs playing incompetent bandits who are hired as manservants played by Dennis King.

**VERDICT: 8/10**

**BEST BUY**  
**Star Trek The Original Series Season 2 (PG) (Paramount DVD £69.99)**  
BOLDLY go and buy this superb series of the later adventures of the legendary Captain Kirk, Mr Spock, Doctor McCoy and Scotty as they travel through space in the USS Enterprise to find new worlds and strange civilisations.

In this classic collection, William Shatner and pointy-eared Leonard McCoy are joined on the Starship by Walter Koenig's young Russian ensign Pavel Chekov while DeForest Kelley rises in his key role as the ship's tetchy doctor.

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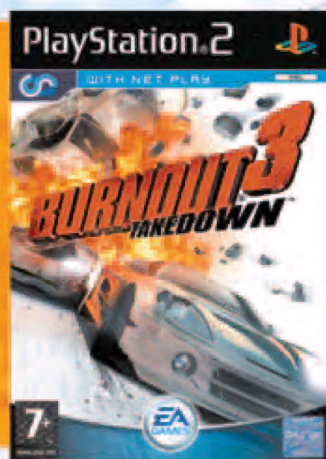
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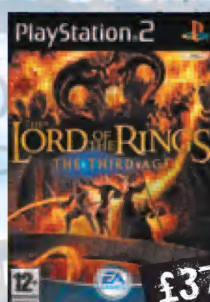
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- 6.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 563.
- 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 143.
- 7.00 A QUESTION OF SPORT** Alongside Ally McColist are England footballer Matthew Upson and Great Britain rugby league star Paul Sculthorpe, while Matt Dawson is joined by Republic of Ireland football international Jason McAteer and the former world heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman (T) 1124.
- 7.30 TOP OF THE POPS** (T) 327.
- 8.00 EASTENDERS** Alfie is forced to make a heartbreaking decision, while a chance remark brings the trial to a dramatic climax (T) 5312.
- 8.30 MY DAD'S THE PRIME MINISTER** Father and son are fighting the elections. How will Dillon counter Flash's drive to the voters? Will the PM take a dive and save the day? (T) 6679.
- 9.00 FRENCH AND SAUNDERS** In the office, Dawn and Jennifer have to offer their ideas for new programmes to the Controller of BBC1. Sketches include a tribute to Madonna and Chris Martin's mum. Guest appearances from Michelle Collins, Denise Van Outen, Brian Cox and Amanda Holden (T) 6037.
- 9.30 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU** Team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by host Jane Leeves (T) 26124.
- 10.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 91312.
- 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** 976501.
- 10.35 FRIDAY NIGHT WITH JONATHAN ROSS** A mix of music and celebrity chat with Jonathan Ross. Guests are Pierce Brosnan, singer Gwen Stefani and comedian Peter Kay. Music comes from Fatboy Slim (T) 525489.
- 11.35 FILM: THE EVIL THAT MEN DO** (1984) (See Guide) 923124.
- 1.00 FILM: THE GHOST** (2000) (See Guide) 11877. 2.30-6.00 BBC News 24 9987849.

## REGIONAL VARIATIONS:

Wales - 6.30-7.00 Wales Today, Weather 143.



- 6.00 CBBC 17853. 8.00** CBeebies 725476. 10.30 What? Where? When? Why? (Rpt) (T) 8872679. 10.45 Maths Channel (T) 1275969. 11.10 Primary Geography (Rpt) (T) 2419766. 11.40 Primary History (Rpt) (T) 1477582. 12.00 Phil Silvers Show (Rpt) (T) 41835. 12.30 Working Lunch 64501.
- 1.30 BOWLS: BUPA CARE HOMES OPEN** (T) 979495. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook (T) 3955124. 5.15 Weakest Link (T) 8091230. 6.00 Beg, Borrow Or Steal (T) 105. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing (T) 785. 7.00 HeadJam (T) 9766.
- 7.30 HIDDEN GARDENS** Boveridge Park (T) 969.
- 8.00 A YEAR AT KEW** An extraordinary discovery at Kew Palace (T) 8414.
- 8.30 GARDENERS' WORLD** Chris Beardshaw looks at wild flowers (T) 7921.
- 9.00 TIMEWATCH** (T) 702281.



- 9.50 THE PLANETS - BRIEF ENCOUNTERS** (T) 232921.
- 10.00 QI** (T) 91394.
- 10.30 NEWSNIGHT** (T) 80834.
- 11.00 NEWSNIGHT REVIEW** (T) 160563.
- 11.35 LATER WITH JOOLS HOLLAND** (T) 260037.
- 12.35 BOWLS: BUPA CARE HOMES OPEN** (T) 3040457. 2.00-6.00 BBC Learning Zone (T) 1615631.
- REGIONAL VARIATIONS:** Wales - 7.00 Scrum V Live: Dragons v Ospreys 54056. 9.00 Gardeners' World 4679. 9.30 Timewatch 848259. 10.20-10.30 The Planets 498785.



- 6.00 INSEKTORS** (Rpt) (T) 2738921. 6.10 The Hoobs (Rpt) (T) 9734414. 7.00 B4 (T) 29360. 7.30 Friends (Rpt) (T) 48495. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (T) 95766. 8.30 King Of Queens (T) 6359679. 8.55 Bernie Mac (Rpt) (T) 6361414. 9.20 Water Stories (Rpt) (T) 7924834. 9.30 Chancers (Rpt) (T) 2836327. 9.55 Tate Modern (Rpt) (T) 4301292. 10.00 Faith In Action (Rpt) (T) 2206259. 10.15 Film Focus (Rpt) (T) 3334853. 10.40 Holiday Maker (Rpt) (T) 1261766. 11.05 Sir Gawain (Rpt) (T) 2424698. 11.30 Self Portrait UK 14-19 (Rpt) (T) 7454834. 11.35 From The Top (Rpt) (T) 7908105. 12.00 News (T) 98853. 12.30 Cheers (Rpt) (T) 39698. 1.00 Grudge Match (Rpt) (T) 55260476.
- 1.15 FILM: THIS HAPPY BREED** (1944) (See Guide) 552679. 3.15 Countdown (T) 7198495. 4.00 A Place In The Sun (T) 3563. 5.00 Richard & Judy (T) 3105. 6.00 Friends (Rpt) (T) 501. 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) 853. 7.00 News (T) 109679. 7.35 The West Wing (T) 725766. 8.25 Friends (Rpt) (T) 121211. 9.00 The Simpsons (T) 9747. 9.30 THE SIMPSONS (T) 19834. 10.00 The World According To The Simpsons (T) 8704495. 11.05 THE SIMPSONS QUIZ SHOW (T) 890292. 11.50 4 Music 3779196. 3.05 Jamie Kennedy 49259693. 3.30 Andromeda 296341. 5.05 Carrera Cup 1934457. 5.30-6.15 Countdown (Rpt) (T) 2168341.

**S4C** As Channel 4 except: 9.00 Self Portrait UK 30019124. 9.05 Life Story 2877105. 12.30 Planned Plant Beach 62719056. 1.15 A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away 58524921. 2.15 Grand Designs 5954801. 3.15 Countdown 6688747. 4.00 Planned Plant 28688921. 6.30 Rownd A Rownd 67165124. 7.30 Newyddion 80152940. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 38116747. 8.25 Ring 54531016. 9.00 Mawr 28684105. 9.30 The Simpsons 5507537. 10.30 World According To The Simpsons 10446230. 11.35 Simpsons Quiz 59583476. 12.20 Eurotrash 32719728. 12.50 Super Furry Animals 3779141. 1.20 FILM: South Park (1999) 82094964. 2.50 Freeports 74098986. 3.45 Brazilian Football 58374993. 5.30-6.15 Close



- 6.00 SUNRISE** 2796766. 6.30 Milkshake! 65714698. 9.25 The Wright Stuff 13007563. 10.30 Sunset Beach (Rpt) (T) 7732360. 11.25 House Doctor (Rpt) (T) 92588037. 11.50 The Wright Stuff Extra 28236489. 12.00 News (T) 7215921. 12.30 Home And Away (Rpt) (T) 4306679. 1.00 Family Affairs (Rpt) (T) 3872650. 1.35 BrainTeaser 3898698. 2.35 High School Reunion (Rpt) (T) 1723747. 3.30 News Update (T) 98239582.



D'OH: Homer, Channel 4, 9pm

- 3.35 FILM: BANACEK: DETOUR TO NOWHERE** (1972) (See Guide) 8825940. 5.30 News (T) 4679872. 6.00 Home And Away (T) 4676785. 6.30 Family Affairs (T) 4667037. 7.00 News (T) 7360476.
- 7.30 HOUSE DOCTOR: ANN'S TOP TEN!** 4656921.
- 8.00 THE 20 QUICKEST WAYS TO MAKE MONEY ON YOUR PROPERTY** The ultimate guide to adding value to your home (Rpt) (T) 1699834.
- 9.00 HOUSE DOCTOR: INSIDE AND OUT** (T) 1619698.
- 10.00 AGE SWAP** (T) 1612785.
- 11.00 FILM: DARKMAN** (1990) (See Guide) 2697281.
- 12.45 FILM: DEARLY DEVOTED** (1998) (See Guide) 40128438. 2.10 FILM: Getting Gotti (1994) (See Guide) 8338877. 3.45 The Love Boat (T) 7408983. 4.25 Melrose Place (T) 3987273. 5.10-6.00 Sons And Daughters (T) 7613506.



- 6.00 GMTV** 9676327. 9.25 Trisha (Rpt) (T) 9111389. 10.30 This Morning. Presented by Lorraine Kelly and Phillip Schofield. With guest Jojo 98582. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News. Weather (T) 31056.
- 1.00 TOO MANY COOKS** Kate Garraway presents the show where four teams attempt to prove that they are as hot in the kitchen as they think they are. Chef James Martin judges who stays and who goes (T) 29211.
- 2.00 EVERYTHING MUST GO!** Clayton Riches and Adrienne Lawler help a homeowner in Somerset who is keen to downsize their house (Rpt) (T) 2476.
- 2.30 FAT CHANCE** The Fat Chance scales are wheeled in and the rivals reunited to see which family has won the luxury holiday in Australia (T) 230.
- 3.00 REGIONAL NEWS** (T) 2570211.
- 3.15 MIFFY AND FRIENDS** (Rpt) (T) 5065785. 3.20 Engie Benji (Rpt) (T) 5046650. 3.30 Mr Bean: The Animated Series (Rpt) 2979747. 3.45 Pet Alien (T) 2990230. 4.00 Finger Tips (T) 9353360. 4.20 Grizzly Tales For Guesome Kids (Rpt) (T) 5715056. 4.30 Help! I'm A Teenage Outlaw (T) 766.
- 5.00 THE PAUL O'GRADY SHOW** (T) 5563.
- 6.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 259.
- 6.30 ITV NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 211.
- 7.00 EMMERDALE** Marlon gets an unexpected near kiss at the village bonfire night. Debbie tracks down Katie and issues a threat. Scott attempts to keep things sweet with Dawn (T) 6292.
- 7.30 CORONATION STREET** Are Dev and Sunita in the dog-days of Maya's evil reign? Like father, like son - Danny gets Jamie to do his dirty work. It's a family affair when Blanche sets up the Barlows for their 15 minutes of fame (T) 495.
- 8.00 TONIGHT WITH TREVOR MCDONALD** Jonathan Maitland reports on how McDonald's is trying to fight back against falling profits (T) 5940.
- 8.30 AIRLINE** It's the beginning of a new era as the company takes delivery of a new fleet of planes. Captain Chris Pell is in Geneva to pick up the first new Airbus but the champagne awaiting them back home gets warm as the new plane has a few teething problems (T) 1747.
- 9.00 ROSEMARY AND THYME** Lighthearted drama series about a pair of horticulturists-cum-amateur sleuths. The Ligurian coast of Italy is no holiday for Rosemary and Laura as they create a restaurant garden for Emma Standish. During a tour of the glorious Giardini Tremonti, the girls are propelled into a mystery when a woman in their party is killed. As they investigate her identity, there are further revelations - and further deaths (T) 8360).
- 10.00 TARRANT ON TV** More outrageous moments from television programmes around the world (T) 91940.
- 10.30 ITV NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 77360.
- 11.00 THE FRANK SKINNER SHOW** Frank Skinner presents the show with a mix of interviews, topical comedy and musical performances. Today, Frank talks to Kathy Burke, George Best and American singer Rufus Wainwright who performs live in the studio (Rpt) 47766.
- 12.00 DAN AND DUSTY** (T) 94728. 12.30 FILM: Bad Company (1995) (See Guide) 46877. 2.30 Orange Playlist (Rpt) (T) 7894439. 2.55 Grounded For Life (T) 8349524. 3.20 Entertainment Now! (T) 49272544. 3.45 Mixmasters 94865525. 4.10 CD-UK Hotshots (Rpt) (T) 65480964. 4.35 Tonight With Trevor McDonald (Rpt) (T) 21749780. 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (T) 84490. 5.30-6.00 ITV Early Morning News 95457.

## MIKE WARD

### WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH

**THE BBC will be yellow with envy tonight as The Simpsons take up their new terrestrial residency on Channel 4. The show's been going out on BBC2 for several years now, but after losing Friends, Sex And The City, Frasier etc., Channel 4 were prepared to fork out megabucks for a suitably high-profile ratings-grabbing alternative from the States -**

**and so they outbid the Beeb for the rights. They're certainly making an occasion of it, too - kicking off at 9pm with two brand new episodes (brand new in a sense, at least - they're four seasons ahead of us in America), following this up at 10pm with the documentary The World According To The Simpsons, and concluding at 11.05pm with The Simpsons Quiz Show,**

**which measures the comparative clued-upness of celebrity fans such as Richard Bacon and Sara Cox. Talking of US comedy, former Frasier star Jane Leeves, is the guest host of tonight's Have I Got News For You (BBC1, 9.30pm). She doesn't speak anything like her character does in the show, incidentally. But then, let's be honest, who does?**

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## ITV1 MERIDIAN

As ITV1 London except: 6.00 GMTV 9676327. 9.25 Trisha 9111389. 10.30 This Morning. Presented by Lorraine Kelly and Phillip Schofield. With guest Jojo 98582. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News. Weather 31056. 1.00 Too Many Cooks. Chef James Martin judges 29211. 2.00 Everything Must Go! 2476. 2.30 Fat Chance 230. 3.00 Meridian News. Weather 2570211. 6.00 Meridian Tonight 259. 6.30 ITV News. Weather 211. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale. Marlon gets an unexpected near kiss at the village bonfire night 6292.

## ITV1 WESTCOUNTRY

As ITV1 London except: 6.00 GMTV 9676327. 9.25 Trisha 9111389. 10.30 This Morning. Presented by Lorraine Kelly and Phillip Schofield. With guest Jojo 98582. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News. Weather 31056. 1.00 Too Many Cooks. Chef James Martin judges 29211. 2.00 Everything Must Go! 2476. 2.30 Fat Chance 230. 3.00 West Country News. Weather 2570211. 6.00 West Country Live 259. 6.30 ITV News. Weather 211. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale. Marlon gets an unexpected near kiss at the village bonfire night 6292.

## ITV1 ANGLIA

As ITV1 London except: 6.00 GMTV 9676327. 9.25 Trisha 9111389. 10.30 This Morning. Presented by Lorraine Kelly and Phillip Schofield. With guest Jojo 98582. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News. Weather 31056. 1.00 Too Many Cooks. Chef James Martin judges 29211. 2.00 Everything Must Go! 2476. 2.30 Fat Chance 230. 3.00 Anglia News. Weather 2570211. 6.00 Anglia Tonight 259. 6.30 ITV News. Weather 211. 7.00 Emmerdale. Marlon gets an unexpected near kiss 6292. 7.30-8.00 Coronation Street 495.

## ITV1 CENTRAL

As ITV1 London except: 6.00 GMTV 9676327. 9.25 Trisha 9111389. 10.30 This Morning. Presented by Lorraine Kelly and Phillip Schofield. With guest Jojo 98582. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News. Weather 31056. 1.00 Too Many Cooks. Chef James Martin judges 29211. 2.00 Everything Must Go! 2476. 2.30 Fat Chance 230. 3.00 Central News. Weather, Lifeline 2570211. 6.00 Central News At Six. Weather 259. 6.30 ITV News. Weather 211. 7.00 Emmerdale 6292. 7.30-8.00 Coronation Street 495.

## ITV1 WEST

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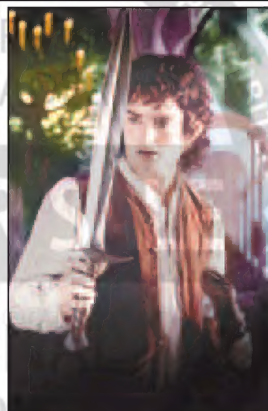
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**6.00 DR PHIL** (Rpt) 63389. 7.00 Zoids 94698. 7.30 Batman 73105. 8.00 Gameville 21940. 9.00 The X-Files (T) 3580124. 9.55 Buffy The Vampire Slayer 2434114. 10.50 Angel (T) 6926679. 11.45 ER (T) 622582. 12.45 Scrubs (T) 129650. 1.15 The X-Files. Mulder searches for a killer capable of changing his genetic identity (T) 9476327. 2.10 Dr Phil. Talk show with life strategist Dr Phil McGraw. Dr Phil meets losing presidential candidate John Kerry and his wife Teresa to talk about family values 6623747. 3.05 The Sharon Osbourne Show. Mario Lopez co-hosts the talk show, featuring actress Debi Mazar and trumpeter Chris Botti 8203582. 4.00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer. When Buffy takes a job at a fast-food restaurant, she starts to have suspicions about her disappearing co-workers 63105. 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. The Enterprise is trapped in a mysterious void controlled by an alien wishing to learn the ways of human life - and death (T) 1143. 6.00 Battlestar Galactica. An updated version of the popular Seventies sci-fi adventure series. Captain Lee Adama recruits prisoners to retrieve an underground water supply from a desolate ice moon 58747.



DIRTY WORK: Clint, 10.05pm

- 7.00 THE SIMPSONS** Homer discovers Marge's old flame Artie Ziff living in the attic and a poker game ends in jail for Homer 2872.
- 7.30 THE SIMPSONS** When Mrs Krabappel calls off her wedding to Principal Skinner, Marge and Homer step in with some relationship advice 4582.
- 8.00 THE SIMPSONS** Maggie is ready for pre-nursery school, but will the caustic supervisor allow her entry? Featuring guest star Simon Cowell 8292.
- 8.30 THE SIMPSONS** Reports of Mr Burns' death are exaggerated. When the obituaries tell the truth about him, he starts buying up the media to brainwash Springfield 7327.
- 9.00 THE ULTIMATE PLAYBOY** Entertainment series in which eight eligible millionaires are assessed regarding their knowledge of the finer things in life 93834.
- 10.00 EUROMILLIONS DRAW** Coverage of the draw 163263.
- 10.05 FILM: SUDDEN IMPACT** (1983) Dirty Harry is on the hunt for a brutal killer who has carried out a series of murders in a small town. Action thriller, starring Clint Eastwood 17695698.
- 12.15 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION** (Rpt) 566877. 1.15 Gameville 6986322. 2.10 Angel. Angel and the others try to decipher the scroll taken from Wolfram and Hart (Rpt) 8129815. 3.05 ER (T) 9089099. 3.55 Hot Love 9980761. 4.45 Zoids 88386490. 5.10 Pokémon 5804032. 5.35-6.00 Pokémon 5931419.



RING MASTER: Elijah Wood's in action, Sky Movies 1, 9.45pm

## telly movies

## STAR RATINGS

\*\*\*\*\*Don't miss it  
\*\*\*\*Good \*\*\*Average  
\*\*Time filler \*Garbage!

**THIS HAPPY BREED** (1944) \*\*\*\* C4, 1.15-3.15pm. Nostalgic drama. The saga of a working class family living in London and their struggle for a better life in the years following the end of WW1. Starring Celia Johnson and John Mills.

**BANACEK: DETOUR TO NOWHERE** (TVM, 1972) \*\*\* Five, 3.35-5.30pm. Thriller. Private detective George Peppard is hired to track down \$1.6 million in gold that mysteriously vanishes. With Christine Belford.

**DARKMAN** (1990) \*\*\*\* Five, 11.00pm-12.45am. Fantasy thriller. Hideously deformed scientist Liam Neeson develops a synthetic skin and sets out to wreak vengeance on the villain who disfigured him.

**THE EVIL THAT MEN DO** (1984) \*\* BBC1, 11.35pm-1.00am. Action thriller. Professional killer Charles Bronson comes out of retirement and seeks revenge against a sadistic British doctor. Co-starring Joseph Maher.

**BAD COMPANY** (1995) \*\*\* ITV1, 12.30-2.30am. Thriller. Former CIA agents join an undercover firm that specialises in industrial espionage. Starring Laurence Fishburne.

**DEARLY DEVOTED** (TVM, 1998) \*\*\* Five, 12.45-2.10am. Psychological thriller. Attractive orphaned teenager Rose McGowan becomes obsessed with one of her college tutors.

**THE GHOST** (2000) \*\*\* BBC1, 1.00-2.30am. Martial arts action thriller. Feared female assassin Chung Lai poses as a mail-order bride after a dispute with a Hong Kong crime lord puts her life in danger. Co-starring Michael Madsen.

**GETTING GOTTI** (TVM, 1994) \*\*\* Five, 2.10-3.45am. Fact-based crime drama. Assistant district attorney Lorraine Bracco vows to single-handedly bring a notorious Mafia boss to justice.

ALAN FRANK

## FILMFOUR

**6.00 AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS** (1987) Drama, starring Raphael Fejtó 5305563

**8.00 THE SPANISH PRISONER** (1998) A young man develops a highly-valuable programme for a company, but begins to doubt that he will be rewarded. Drama, starring Campbell Scott 5318308

**10.00 SCREAM** (1996) Horror thriller, with strong overtones of black comedy, starring Neve Campbell 8643785

**11.55 ED GEIN** (2001) Thriller, starring Steve Railsback and Carrie Snodgrass 2253196

**1.20 MANHUNTER** (1986) Crime thriller, starring William Petersen 4852235

**3.20 TWELVE MONKEYS** (1995) Science fiction, starring Bruce Willis 80464902

**5.25 LA JETEE** (1962) Drama, starring Davos Hanich 7631631

6.00 CLOSE

## SKY MOVIES 1

**5.25** The Little Unicorn (1999) 1615211  
**6.55** Hoodlum & Son (2003) 22557132  
**8.50** Back To The Secret Garden (2000) 23115747 **10.40** Swing Shift (1984) 48766124 **12.25** Bye Bye Birdie (1995) 96520308 **2.40** The Lord Of The Rings: The Fellowship Of The Ring (2001) 85140698 **5.45** Bonus! Shark Tale 491414 **6.15** Swing Shift (1984) Drama 89733037 **8.00** Punch-Drunk Love (2003) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler 30315308 **9.45** The Lord Of The Rings: The Fellowship Of The Ring (2001) Fantasy, starring Elijah Wood 92318327 **12.45** Killing Zoe (1994) Comedy 190490 **2.35** Money Kings (1998) Crime 322964 **4.25-6.05** Hoodlum & Son (2003) 256952

## SKY MOVIES 2

**6.30** Someone Was Watching (2002) 91688969 **8.05** Immune To Murder: A Nero Wolfe Mystery (2002) 21531227 **9.50** What Girls Learn (2001) 30205766 **11.50** The Master Of Disguise (2002) 4120785 **1.15** Someone Was Watching (2002) 99430679 **2.50** Big Shot's Funeral (2001) 27798582 **4.35** What Girls Learn (2001) 49579018 **6.35** The Master Of Disguise (2002) Comedy 8591698 **8.00** Agent Cody Banks (2003) Children's adventure, starring Frankie Muniz 19722 **10.00** Crimson Tide (1995) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington 78037 **12.00** Rollerball (2002) 134709 **1.45** Shark Hunter (2001) 599148 **3.25-5.10** Cherish (2002) 911032

## SKY CINEMA 1

**6.00** When Dinosaurs Ruled The Earth (1970) 27715969 **7.45** Dr Strangelove (1964) 43499679 **9.25** Dad's Army (1971) 12427921 **11.10** The Lion Has Wings (1940) 30272178 **12.30** Lucky Me (1954) 50425308 **2.15** When Dinosaurs Ruled The Earth (1970) 6865018 **4.00** Dr Strangelove (1964) 12147637 **5.45-6.15** US Top 10 3918259 **6.15** Dad's Army (1971) Comedy 47308327 **8.00** The Eagle Has Landed (1976) War drama, starring Michael Caine 49478124 **10.20** 20th Century Fox: The Blockbuster Years (2000) 57225495 **12.25** The Eagle Has Landed (1976) 67253964 **2.45** The Lion Has Wings (1940) 46649099 **4.10-6.00** Lucky Me (1954) 8826525

## SKY BOX OFFICE

Today's films on Sky Box Office Digital at various times throughout the day are:  
Bad Boys II (2003,15), Mona Lisa Smile (2003,12), Monster (2003,18), Open Range (2003,12), Stargate And Hutch (2004,15), Welcome To The Jungle (2003,15), Big Fish (2003,PG), Hollywood Homicide (2003,12), Identity (2003,15), SWAT (2003,12), Along Came Polly (2004,12), Cold Creek Manor (2003,15), Cold Mountain (2003,15), Dogville (2003,15), Lost In Translation (2003,15), Tears Of The Sun (2003,15), The Haunted Mansion (2003,PG), Honey (2003,PG), Something's Gotta Give (2003,12), Mystic River (2003,15)

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## Satellite, cable and digital choice

### E4

**2.00 FAKING IT USA** Kristyl Meyerhoefer leaves her Ohio dry-cleaners for the Big Apple where fashionista Danna Weiss teaches her to become a fashion stylist 31254834  
**3.00 CAN YOU PULL... MARK OWEN?** Trainee schoolteacher Natalie has ex-Take That star Mark Owen in her sights, meeting with Lulu, Lisa Rogers and members of Mark's current band in her attempt to find out what makes him tick 23267281

**3.30 THE OC** See 7pm 27713476  
**4.30 HOLLYOAKS** 93517105  
**5.00 FRIENDS** See 8pm 14712376  
**5.30 FRIENDS** See 8.30pm 93531785  
**6.00 WITHOUT A TRACE** The FBI Missing Persons Squad search for a firefighter who disappeared after rescuing two of his colleagues from an inferno 98692259

**7.00 THE OC** American drama series. As Seth and Anna become closer, Summer tries to deny her feelings 21213476

**8.00 FRIENDS** Phoebe finds out whether she is pregnant or not. The guys challenge the girls to a trivia contest where the subject is each other. In a tie-break, Monica upsets the stakes by betting the large apartment where she lives with Rachel. To Chandler and Joey's delight, the girls cannot answer the question about what Chandler's job is 22817740

**8.30 FRIENDS** Rachel schemes to make a handsome client ask her out on a date. Chandler's jealousy causes problems with his girlfriend 33162637

**9.00 FILM: THE CRAFT** (1996)  
Four outsiders at an elite school form a witches' coven, using their occult powers to make their wishes come true and seek revenge for their exclusion. Horror, starring Fairuza Balk and Neve Campbell 21225211

**11.00 FOOL AROUND...**  
A reality show bringing a twist to the whole dating game by testing how far couples will push their relationships for money 59785679

**12.00 Green Wing 1.05**  
**Hollyoaks 1.35** Can You Pull... Mark Owen? 2.05 The Secret Life Of Us 2.55 Line Of Fire 3.55 Close

### BBC THREE

**7.00 The 7 O'Clock News**  
**7.30 Body Hits 8.00 Trauma**  
**8.30 Brand New Little Angels**  
**9.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli**  
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**10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Outlaws 11.00 Little Britain 11.30 Michael Flatley: King Of Clubs 12.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 1.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 1.30 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 2.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 2.30 Outlaws 3.00 Wedding Stories 4.00 Close**

### SCI-FI

**6.00 Ray Bradbury Theatre**  
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**7.00 Teleshopping 10.00 Quantum Leap 11.00 Freakylinks 12.00 Firefly 1.00 Pretender 2.00 Robots Among Us 3.00 The Outer Limits 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 UFO Chronicles 6.00 Firefly 7.00 The Pretender 8.00 The Dead Zone 9.00 Century City 10.00 Film: Murder In Mind (1997) Thriller 11.40 Film: Bangkok Dangerous (2000) Action drama 1.40 Film: Audition (1999) Horror 3.50 Mad Mad House 4.30 Ray Bradbury Theatre 5.00-6.00 Bubblegum Crisis: Tokyo 2040**

### BRAVO

**9.00 Babylon 5 10.00 Gadgets 10.30 Gamer 11.00 Fish 12.00 Street Crime 1.00 Police Beat 1.30 Blues And Twos 2.30 Police Videos 3.00 Street Crime 4.00 Police Beat 4.30 Police Videos 5.00 Gamer 5.30 Gadgets 6.00 Knight Rider 7.00 Street Crime 7.30 Police Beat 8.00 Worst Driver 8.30 Racing Rivals 9.00 Street Crime 10.00 World Of Stupid 10.30 About Men 11.00 Laid Bare 11.30 Sex Sexy 12.00 Street Crime 12.30 World Of Stupid 1.00 About Men 1.30 Laid Bare 2.00 Sex Sexy 2.30 AXN 3.00 Close**



FAMILY SECRETS: The Dingles, ITV2, 8pm

### UKTV GOLD

**6.00 Neighbours 6.30 As Time Goes By 7.10 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum 7.50 Doctors 8.25 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 10.00 Holby City 11.00 Casualty 12.00 Doctors 12.40 EastEnders 1.20 Last Of The Summer Wine 2.00 BERGERAC See 6pm 3739766**  
**3.00 THE BILL** Is Boulton a murderer? The jury must decide 4737495  
**4.00 HOLBY CITY** Keith can no longer hide his dark secret after she is hospitalised. Danny confronts his father 4749230  
**5.00 CASUALTY** Chloe is convinced that Jason has deserted her and that she will be arrested for Lewis's escape 4205150  
**6.00 BERGERAC** Jim faces a serious moral dilemma when Charlie organises the first Jersey International Music Festival 2646230  
**7.00 IT AIN'T HALF HOT, MUM** The Concert Party members are captured by the Japanese and ordered to become saboteurs 6296143  
**7.40 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE** Seymour and Clegg take drastic action to try to get Compo to buy a round 1607308  
**8.20 DINNERLADIES** Pregnancy scares and stray branflakes upset everyone 2023495  
**9.00 THE VICAR OF DIBLEY** Geraldine becomes a celebrity after doing 'Pause for Thought' on the Terry Wogan show 8273211  
**9.40 BLACKADDER GOES FORTH** When Blackadder, George and Beldrick are told they are going over the top the next day, Blackadder decides to fake madness 4313747  
**10.20 GIMME GIMME GIMME** A surprise visitor from Linda's past brings chaos 6644327  
**11.00 TWO PINTS OF LAGER AND A PACKET OF CRISPS** In a far from ideal scenario, Donna is living with Jonny, and Janet is living with Gaz. But Jonny thinks Janet has gone to live with Andy and goes to get her back 1308834  
**11.40 THE VICAR OF DIBLEY** See 9pm 7940360  
**12.20 Blackadder Goes Forth**  
**1.00 Gimme Gimme Gimme**  
**1.35 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 2.10 Weakest Link 3.05 The Bill 4.00 Friends Like These 4.55 As Time Goes By 5.30-6.00 2point4 Children**

### ITV3

**6.00 Survival 6.55 Peak Practice 7.50 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 8.25 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 8.55 Film File 9.05 Chicago Hope 10.00 The Practice 10.55 LA Law 11.50 Movies Now 12.00 Survival 1.05 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 1.40 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 2.15 The Practice 3.10 Chicago Hope 4.00 LA Law 5.00 Peak Practice 6.00 The Practice 7.00 Outside Edge 7.30 Cadfael 9.00 Film: Father Of The Bride (1991) A well-heeled Los Angeles family prepare for their daughter's wedding and the bride's father grapples with his emotions and the traumatic experience of signing blank cheques for a flamboyant wedding consultant. Comedy, starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton 11.00 Cold Feet 12.05 Chicago Hope 1.00 Film: Father Of The Bride (1991) Comedy, starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55-6.00 ITV3 Nightscreen**

### EXPRESS SHOPPING CHANNEL

(SKY 637, NTL 637) 8.00 Express Shopping Daytime 5.00 Home Entertainment 6.00 Silver Amethyst 7.00 Our Choice 9.00 The Toy Chest 10.00 Collectors Edition: Sci-Fi 11.00 Home Entertainment 12.00 Close

### TELEVISION X

(SKY 969) 8.00 Freeview 10.10 Ben Dover 10.30 The Omar Show 11.00 Freeview 11.10 Mame Mame Mellowdown 11.30 Jane's World 11.50 New A... Teens 12.00 Freeview 12.10 Filthy British ...to Sluts 12.20 Summer Lovin' 12.40 Exhibitionist 1.10 The Servant 1.30 Superdick 1.50 Hot Totty 2.10 Nineteen 47 4.10 Pick Up Lines 7.50 Close

## lifestyle telly

### CHALLENGE

**6.00 Teleshopping 7.00 Gladiators 8.00 The Crystal Maze 9.00 Fort Boyard 10.00 100% 10.30 Celebrity Addicts 11.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right 11.30 Family Fortunes 12.00 Wheel Of Fortune 12.30 Catchphrase 1.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 2.00 Property Rescue 3.00 House Wars 4.00 House Wars 5.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right 5.30 Catchphrase 6.00 Takeshi's Castle 7.00 Fort Boyard Takes On The World 7.30 Ultimate Guinness World Records. Find out how many German cheerleaders can fit in to a Smart car 8.00 Blockbusters 8.30 Bullseye 9.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 10.00 Celebrity Poker Showdown 12.00 Celebrity Poker Showdown 2.00 Celebrity Poker Showdown 4.00 Fort Boyard 5.00 Wheel Of Fortune 5.30-6.00 Teleshopping**

### HISTORY

**8.00 Britain's Secret Army 8.30 Doodlebug Summer 9.00 The Wars Of The Roses 10.00 The Warsaw Ghetto: From Despair To Defiance 11.00 The World At War 12.00 Great Crimes And Trials 12.30 Infamous Murders 1.00 Celtic Myths 2.00 Secret Luftwaffe Of World War II 3.00 Tech Effect 3.30 Command Decisions 4.00 Hindenburg 5.00 The World At War 6.00 Secrets Of War 7.00 Kings And Queens. Nigel Spivey examines some of England's most significant monarchs 8.00 Face Of Evil: Reinhard Heydrich 10.00 Cold Case Files 11.00 The World At War 12.00 Unsung Heroes Of Pearl Harbor 1.00 Strategic Air Command 2.00 Close**

### DISCOVERY

**6.00 Piranha Adventure 7.00 Extreme Machines 8.00 5th Gear 8.30 Industrial Revelations 9.00 Super Structures 10.00 Salvage Squad 11.00 Ultimate Cars 11.30 5th Gear 12.00 Fireworks - An Explosive Story 1.00 Time Team 2.00 Battlefield 3.00 Fall Of A Tsar 4.00 Weapons Of War 5.00 Crash Landing 6.00 Ultimate Cars 6.30 5th Gear 7.00 Time Team 8.00 American Chopper 9.00 Romans 10.00 Road To Berlin 10.30 Bloody Britain 11.00 Forensic Detectives 12.00 Trauma 1.00 Sex, Dice And Vegas 2.00 Road To Berlin 2.30 Bloody Britain 3.00 Romans 4.00 American Chopper 5.00-6.00 Time Team**

### LIVINGTV

**6.00 Home Shopping 6.30 Home Shopping 7.00 Tiny Living 9.00 Birth Stories 9.30 Birth Day Girls 10.00 Special Delivery 11.00 Charmed 12.00 Ricki Lake 12.50 Sixth Sense 1.20 Crossing Over With John Edward 1.50 Will & Grace 2.50 Missing 3.45 According To Jim 4.15 Charmed 6.05 America's Next Top Model 7.00 Will & Grace 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 10.00 The L Word 11.05 Girls Behaving Badly 12.00 The Division 1.00 Crime And Punishment 1.55 Star Treatment 2.05 The Cosby Show 3.00 Royalty A-Z 3.50 Celebrity Extra 3.55 Myrl Streep 4.20 Kevin Costner 4.45 Ricki Lake 5.30-6.00 Home Shopping**

## pop telly

### MTV

Including at 11.00 Inferno 11.30 Jammed 12.00 Cries 1.00 EMAs: Come To Rome 1.30 New!weds 2.00 Ashlee Simpson 2.30 Top 5 3.00 Mash 3.30 EMA: The Story So Far 4.00 Wade Robson 5.00 Room Raiders 5.30 Pimp My Ride 6.00 TRL 7.00 Top EMA Moments 8.00 Tony Hawk 2: Making The Game 8.30 Laguna Beach 9.00 World's Most Fabulous Homes 9.30 Fabulous Life Of Tom Cruise 10.00 MTV Special 12.00 Punk'd 12.30-1.00 Dirty Sanchez

### VH-1

**6.00 VH1 Breakfast Club 8.00 Astro Day 9.00 Class Of 1994 10.00 Top 20: Heartthrobs 12.00 Greatest Hits Of... Ronan Keating 1.00 Top 40 Pop Idols 5.00 100 Greatest Floorfillers 6.00 100 Greatest Floorfillers 7.00 Abba's Greatest Hits Documentary celebrating the pop phenomenon that was Abba 8.00 Top 40 Greatest Anthems Ever 11.30 Abba In Concert 1.00 I Wanna Text You Up 3.00-6.00 VH1's Greatest Hits**



# sporty telly

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**9.00 RACING NEWS**  
 Horse racing reviews and previews 24389

**9.30 FUTBOL MUNDIAL**  
 All the latest news from the world of football 67582

**10.00 US TOUR GOLF**  
 Golfing action from day one of the Tour Championship at the East Lake Golf Club 9948679

**3.00 THE RUGBY CLUB**  
 Simon Lazenby, Stuart Barnes and Dewi Morris round up all the latest rugby union news and action 37179

**4.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW** All the recent action in the Coca-Cola Championship and Leagues One and Two 14853

**5.00 PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW SHOW**  
 Preview of the forthcoming weekend's Premier League action 6921

**5.30 ICC CRICKET WORLD** A look at the week in international cricket with the latest action from around the world 5853

**6.00 SOCCER AM'S ALL SPORTS SHOW**  
 A quirky look ahead to the weekend's sport with the Soccer AM team 53389

**7.00 PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW SHOW**  
 Preview of the forthcoming weekend's Premier League action, with up-to-date team news 6785

**7.30 FOOTBALL LEAGUE: MILLWALL V SUNDERLAND**  
 Live coverage of the Coca-Cola Championship clash at the New Den. The Lions got the better of the Black Cats three times last season, including the 1-0 FA Cup semi-final win 295785

**10.00 FRIDAY FIGHT NIGHT: COOK V RIOS AND WILLIAMS V SIMPSON** Live boxing action as Jason Cook takes on Aldo Rios for the IBO lightweight title at Hereford Leisure Centre. Also on the bill is the clash between Daz Williams and John Simpson 87619

**12.00 WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT LATE NIGHT RAW** 80612

**2.00 FRIDAY FIGHT NIGHT: COOK V RIOS AND WILLIAMS V SIMPSON** 85341

**5.00 SOCCER AM'S ALL SPORTS SHOW** 43231

**5.00 PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW SHOW** 77148

**5.30-6.00 GILLETTE WORLD SPORT** 71815

## SKY SPORTS 2

**6.00 Aerobics: Oz Style** 5047495 **6.30 Freeze Sports** 6637698 **7.00 Aerobics: Oz Style** 3552230 **7.30 ATP Tennis** 3548037 **8.00 The Rugby Club** 8351105 **9.00 Freeze Sports** 6444872 **9.30 Aerobics: Oz Style** 5746360 **10.00 Football League Review** 3537921

**11.00 The Rugby Club** 3557785 **12.00 Futbol Mundial** 6431308 **12.30 Football: Victory Shield: Northern Ireland U-16 v England U-16** 3337495

**2.30 Freeze Sports** 4644940 **3.00 NBA Action** 9479143 **3.30 Race World** 7067940

**4.30 MOTO +** 4631476 **5.00 US TOUR GOLF**  
 Live action from day two of the Tour Championship at the East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta 5037143

**10.00 SOCCER AM'S ALL SPORTS SHOW** A quirky look ahead to the weekend's sport 9594785

**11.00 Premier League Preview Show** 1612360

**11.30 Gillette World Sport** 6617834 **12.00 Football League: Millwall v Sunderland** 8336896

**2.00 Tight Lines** 8088902 **3.00 NFL Weekly Review** 3317631 **4.00 Rally Fever** 9021186 **5.00-6.00 Tight Lines** 2723815

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**12.00 Champions League: Highlights** 52008211 **1.00 Champions League: Highlights** 52024259

**2.00 Champions League: Highlights** 42608582 **3.00 Champions League: Highlights** 95372650

**4.00 Champions League: Highlights** 95391785 **5.00 Champions League: Highlights** 25307308

**6.00 Champions League: Highlights** 52004495 **7.00 TIGHT LINES** 24167230

**8.00 NFL WEEKLY REVIEW** 24143650 **9.00 POWERBOATING**  
 The UIM Provee Offshore Tour 95397969

**9.30 GILLETTE WORLD SPORT** 52009940 **10.00 RALLY FEVER**  
 The latest action from the world of rallying 24166501

**11.00 NFL WEEKLY REVIEW** 29430495 **12.00 POWERBOATING**  
 The UIM Provee Offshore Tour 37780235

**12.30 US TOUR GOLF**  
 Golfing action from day two of the Tour Championship at the East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta 66227761

**5.30 CLOSE**

## EUROSPORT

**7.30 OLYMPIC MAGAZINE** 42259 **8.00 WATTS** 29834 **8.30 FOOTBALL: UEFA CUP** 42969

**10.00 WORLD BOWLS TOUR** Live bowls action from the World Bowls Tour, as 32 of the world's leading bowlers compete for the title of BUPA Care Homes Open Champion 2004 in Sheffield 72414

**12.00 FOOTBALL: UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - TOTAL** The best of the action from one of this week's UEFA Champions League matches 75501

**1.00 FOOTBALL: UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - TOTAL** 51921

**2.00 FOOTBALL: UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - TOTAL** 88312

**3.00 FOOTBALL: UEFA CUP** Action from the Group Stage 20414

**4.00 WTA TENNIS** Live coverage of the quarter-finals 167698

**7.00 FOOTBALL: TOP 24 CLUBS** Show which counts down the top 24 football clubs in Europe, based on real results throughout the season 1853

**7.30 FOOTBALL: UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WEEKEND** Highlights from the week's best matches plus statistical analysis and all the results 61476

**8.30 FOOTBALL: UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WEEKEND** More highlights 11018

**9.30 YOZ XTREME** 76230 **10.00 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS REPORT** 308563

**10.15 WORLD BOWLS TOUR** 757037

**11.45 FOOTBALL: TOP 24 CLUBS** 394650

**12.15 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS REPORT** 6672902

**12.30 CLOSE**

## MUTV

Including at 3.15 Champions League Match 5.00 Call Ryan Gigg's 6.00 Countdown 2 Kick-Off 7.30 Champions League Match 8.00 News 8.30 Champions League Match 10.00 News 10.30-11.00 The Match Highlights: Reds On Tour - USA

## EXTREME

Including at 4.10 The Clash 4.15 X Games VIII 5.20 Closer 6.25 Tony Hawk's Underground 2 6.30 Gen/lex 7.00 One Step Beyond 8.00 Self Titled 9.00 Legends Of The Extreme 10.00 Red Bull: X-Fighters 10.30-11.00 Total Chaos 2



# Charlie Catchpole

## ...on last night's telly

MISS a couple of episodes of **THE BILL** (ITV1), and some character will fill you in on the latest high drama to unfold at Britain's most cursed police station.

The body of PC Kerry Young, who was shot by Sun Hill's serial sniper, was barely in its grave before PC Honey Harman was telling DC Jim Carver: "So, let me get this straight. You owe Fletcher a total of £30,000. You also co-own a greyhound with him...the same dog that's being used in an illegal dog-doping scam; a scam which you've been involved in by knowingly gambling on rigged races."

Jim provided the remaining details: "And now CID want to investigate because they believe,

on top of the dog-doping, that Fletcher is involved with a major Jamaican drug dealer called Wesley Patterson."

Thanks for that, officers. I'm pretty much up to speed now. Jim's old gambling habit has returned, big time.

## Crazy

He decided to pay off his £30,000 debt to Fletcher by borrowing the money from a notorious loan shark.

For collateral, Jim handed over the deeds to his wife June Ackland's house.

Woven into all this crazy stuff was the sort of neat little storyline that used to be a mainstay of **The Bill**. An

outraged citizen asked why the police had not responded to his complaints about his mother's window being broken by someone firing a catapult.

Ackland then remembered a case that Tosh Lines had once worked on. A burglar called Arthur Penrose would fire his slingshot, then return after a replacement window had been fitted, and remove it while the putty was still soft.

Ackland and Kent called on Penrose, who sang like a canary. After she was commended by Insp Gina Gold, Ackland said: "Quite nice for me, actually, being reminded of the old days a little."

Me too.

# titter telly

## DISNEY

**6.00 The Little Mermaid** **6.25 Aladdin** **6.50 House Of Mouse** **7.10 Lizzie McGuire** **7.35 That's So Raven** **8.25 Dave The Barbarian** **8.50 Kim Possible** **9.15 Fillmore** **9.40 Sabrina** **10.05 The Proud Family** **10.30 Art Attack** **10.50 House Of Mouse** **11.15 The Legend Of Tarzan: The Animated Series** **11.40 Lilo And Stitch** **12.05 Dave The Barbarian** **12.30 Recess** **12.55 Kim Possible** **1.45 That's So Raven** **2.10 Teen Angel** **2.35 The Proud Family** **3.00 Art Attack** **3.20 Fillmore** **3.45 Recess** **4.30 Kim Possible** **5.00 Lizzie McGuire** **5.30 That's So Raven** **6.00 Like Family** **6.30 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter** **7.00 Film: Short Circuit 2** (1988) Hyperactive mechanoid Johnny 5 comes out of hiding in the Montana countryside to discover the delights of the city and help his friends tackle a ruthless gang of bank robbers. Comedy, starring Fisher Stevens

**8.45 Movie Surfers Go Inside Disney's A Bug's Life** **9.05 Lizzie McGuire** **9.30 That's So Raven** **10.00 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter** **10.30 Home Improvement** **11.30 Boy Meets World** **12.00 Close**

**3rd Rock From The Sun** **1.30 Kate And Allie** **2.00 Ellen** **2.30 Bram And Alice** **3.00 Ned And Stacey** **3.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** **4.00 Soap** **4.30 Minder** **5.30 Becker** **6.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** **6.30 Roseanne** **7.00 M\*A\*S\*H** **7.30 M\*A\*S\*H** **8.00 Seinfeld** **8.30 Becker** **9.00 That '70s Show** Hyde becomes an unwanted guest at Eric's home **9.30 Frasier** **10.00 Frasier** **10.30 Sex And The City** Carrie goes out with Mr. Big - as friends **11.05 Ally McBeal** **12.05 Ned And Stacey** **12.35 Sex And The City** **1.10 Ally McBeal** **2.05 Cheers** **2.30 A Different World** **3.00 Happy Days** **3.30 Linc's** **4.00 Close**



WIRED: Johnny 5 & Fisher, Disney, 7pm

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## NICKELODEON

**6.00 Arthur** **6.30 Rugrats** **7.00 Mr Bean** **7.30 Fairly Odd Parents** **8.30 Rugrats** **9.00 As Told By Ginger** **9.30 Arthur** **10.30 CatDog** **11.30 Rugrats** **12.30 Mr Bean** **1.30 Arthur** **2.00 Rugrats** **2.30 Rugrats** **3.00 As Told By Ginger** **3.30 SpongeBob SquarePants** **4.00 Fairly Odd Parents** **4.30 All**

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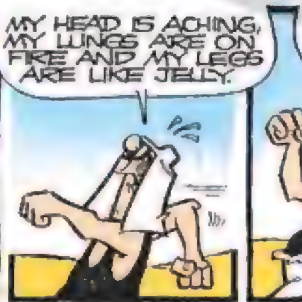
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## TROUBLE

**7.00 Moesha** **7.30 70s Show** **8.00 Two Guys 8.30 Shway Bros** **9.00 Date My Mate** **9.30 Just Deal** **9.55 Jesse** **10.20 Embarrassing Parents** **10.50 Malibu Ca** **11.20 Wayans Bros** **11.50 High School Project USA** **12.20 Fresh Prince** **12.50 Clueless** **1.20 70s Show** **1.50 Surf Camp: Hawaii** **2.20 Shipwrecked** **2.50 North Hollywood High** **3.20 Spy Groove** **3.50 Fresh Prince** **4.20 My Wife And Kids** **4.55 High School Project** **5.25 Parkers** **6.00 Grounded** **6.30 Clueless** **7.00 Moesha** **7.30 Surf Camp: Hawaii** **8.00 Shipwrecked** **8.30 Spider-Man** **9.00 Undergrads** **9.30 Two Guys** **10.00 Parkers** **10.30 Girlfriends** **11.00 Bump 'n' Grind** **12.00 My Wife And Kids** **12.30 High School Project** **1.00 Close**

## TCM

Including at 3.35 My Favourite Year (1982) Comedy **5.20 Live A Little, Love A Little** (1968) Musical **7.00 The Biggest Bundle Of Them All** (1968) Comedy, starring Raquel Welch **9.00 Pat Garrett And Billy The Kid** (1973) Western, starring James Coburn **11.25-1.10 The Last Run** (1971) Crime drama







STAR  
TURN:  
Darius  
with our  
girl

# DARIUS POURS OUT HIS HEART TO OUR KIM

# Tears for my Dad

**WHAT girl could resist the offer to appear in a music video with a tall, dark, handsome man?**

Especially when that man's Darius Danesh and he's giving you the chance to take part in the video for his single Live Twice, being shot in Malaga.

Arriving at the Spanish set at 8am, a smouldering Darius in a smart suit offers me a welcoming kiss at our first location of the day – the steps of a beautiful cathedral.

Live Twice is a ballad Darius, 24, penned for his father, Booth, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The emotion as he sings the track to camera is evident. Tears fill Darius' eyes – and mine, too.

It's hard not to admire his bravery in opening his heart over such an intensely personal subject.

Darius tells me: "It's an emotional song. I never thought I'd record it, so making the video is surreal. It's a song for anyone that's lost someone, or is about to."

The mood lightens when Darius' co-star arrives. And this is some co-star. No, it's not a stunning model or actress like Natasha Henstridge – the girl Big D dated after she appeared in the video for his hit Kinda Love.

## Secrets

This time around, a dashing white horse is joining him on screen – the same one Brad Pitt rode in the blockbuster Troy.

Darius is in awe, gently patting the animal to make it comfortable before shooting a scene in which he chases the steed down a side street.

When we break for lunch, Darius takes me by the hand to meet the horse. He says with a grin: "I've nicknamed him Steve the stallion. He's been telling me Brad's beauty secrets!"

Next it's my big scene. The make-up artist powders my nose as I prepare to play a tabloid reporter chasing Darius for an interview. No acting required, then!

Meanwhile, Darius takes time out to call his dad on his mobile. The singer fills Booth in on the day's events and gently asks how he's feeling. Those tears are welling up in me again, or maybe it's just the mascara.

Cameras rolling, I take up my position alongside two actors posing as a telly reporter and a camera man.

The deal is that Darius

**VIDEO STAR:** Our Kim in her scene in the promo



## hot EXCLUSIVE by KIM DAWSON

will later be superimposed as though he's walking through us, ghost-like.

I block out the crowd and surprise myself by really getting into the role. I'm delighted when Darius rushes over with a hug and kiss, telling me how well I did. What a gent!

Next we need to film more shots of

Darius in an area dubbed Crack Alley by the local film crew because, well, it's a bit dodgy.

Kids hang out of the window of their dilapidated building and flick Darius the V sign. He thinks it's hilarious and plays them at their own game.

Our final destination is the school where Picasso was taught.

A girl plays the violin in one shot and Darius is amazed that she has already learned the tune to Live Twice – the title

track of his latest album, released last week.

Since his dad fell ill, Darius has re-evaluated the celeb lifestyle.

He tells me: "Writing this song made me realise that success is not measured by your position in life, but the obstacles you overcome. It's me saying I'd give up everything to be with someone I love."

Talking of love, he says tales of him dating Geri Halliwell are nonsense.

## Dating

"She is a good mate, we haven't snogged. We have a shared awareness of cancer. I'm single and my preference is just having chemistry with someone."

So after dating two of the girls who've starred in his videos... if you fancy making it third time lucky, Darius, you know where to find me. I was better at biology at school than chemistry, though!

● Live Twice is released on December 13 by Mercury Records.

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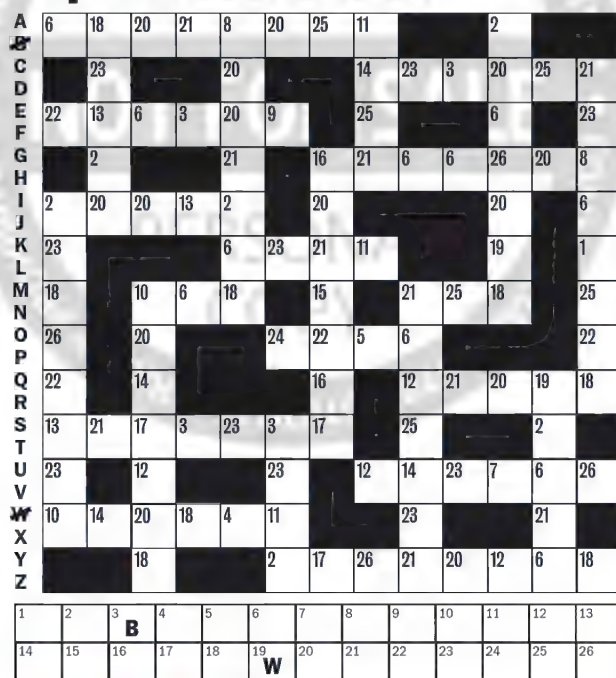
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**DIFFICULTY:** 9/10; **TARGET:** 32 minutes; **CLUE:** Tie up bird for a bird!

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:** Across: Square, Jaunty, Rampart, Clamp, Bung (clue), Dazed, Swift, Dill, Amish, Sciatic, Volume, Claret.

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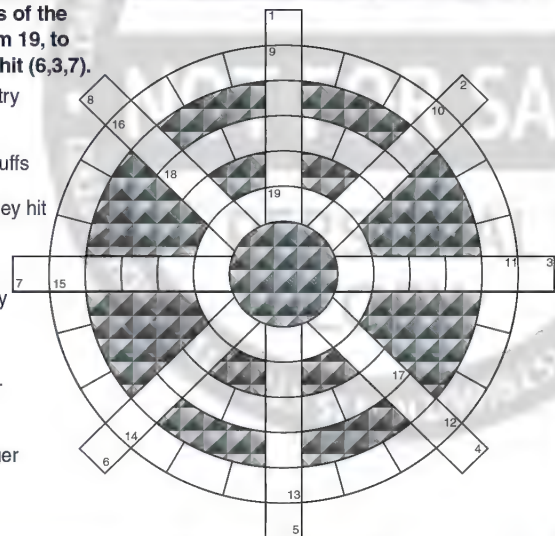
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# Inner Circle

Fill in the missing letters of the inner circle, starting from 19, to reveal a Rolling Stones hit (6,3,7).

- 1 South American country
- 2 Desire for liquid
- 3 Worldwide
- 4 Dealer in basic foodstuffs
- 5 Eyot
- 6 In the \_\_\_\_, Elvis Presley hit
- 7 Greek capital
- 8 Trite saying
- 9 Uneven
- 10 Tree of the birch family
- 11 Blond beer
- 12 The Lord of the \_\_\_\_, Tolkien trilogy
- 13 \_\_\_\_, Brightman, singer
- 14 Blood pump
- 15 Drying cloth
- 16 Ocean-going passenger vessel
- 17 Berlin-set musical
- 18 Bishop's crook



# ADD-A-LETTER

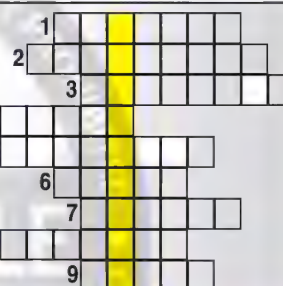
Add a letter to each of the words so that they fit the clue. The six added letters will spell out a kind of antelope.

- |      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| MITE | Bishop's headgear |
| PLAN | Carpenter's tool  |
| POT  | Verse writer      |
| TALE | Desk              |
| BRAD | Wide              |
| BIER | Hell's Angel      |

# NAG-A-RAM

Unscramble each group of letters to discover nine constellations. Now fit them across the grid and, reading down the shaded squares, you'll find the answer - another constellation (5,4).

- 1 SUP SAGE
- 2 ADAM ON RED
- 3 HE'S CRUEL
- 4 HARDY
- 5 GOT A DREG (5,3)
- 6 BLAIR
- 7 EG, I'M IN
- 8 ACE TURN
- 9 NO RIO



# YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS



The shaded letters can be rearranged to form: DAVINA McCALL.

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Spring cabbage, Brussels sprouts, courgette, beetroot, haricot bean, celery, onion, mushroom, cauliflower, cos lettuce, kidney bean, swede, watercress.

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- ACROSS**
- 3 Creating a storm, I've to be a film idol! (5,4)
  - 7 Part of cab overhead is here! (5)
  - 8 A cleaner paper (5)
  - 9 Illegal passenger has to pack on holiday (8)
  - 10 This game is a bit of a mismatch, essentially (5)
  - 13 A girl returns this diamond (3)
  - 15 Position with duties in the workplace (6)
  - 16 A change on the outside of one birdcage (6)
  - 17 Attempt by Tory to leave out nothing (3)
  - 19 Time at the top to find part of body (5)
  - 23 It's too much to take! (8)
  - 24 Don't go near an empty space (5)
  - 25 No group backed by bits of music (5)
  - 26 Open area conservationist has to beat (5,4)

## DOWN

- 1 It's a garment although it sounds like a belt! (9)
- 2 Doctor rust recurring in car (5)
- 3 Pin-up award? (5)
- 4 It's a journey, in the main (6)
- 5 Break record appearing in the charts (5,3)
- 6 Book of maps a sailor turns up (5)
- 11 Utter brie! (3,6)
- 12 It's a bag being of royal stature (4,4)
- 13 Some knowledge troublesome to obtain (3)
- 14 There's one in my part of spring (3)
- 18 Revolution is eastern way to make changes (6)

- 20 South coast resort has right to remain suspended (5)
- 21 Admit it's what students live on (5)
- 22 Crazy description of snooker-player? (5)

## QUICK CLUES

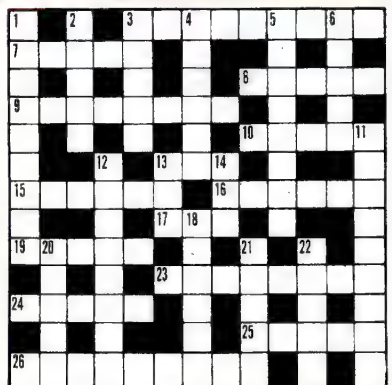
- ACROSS**
- 3 Film actor (5,4)
  - 7 Over (5)
  - 8 Newspaper for instance (5)
  - 9 Person who hides on board ship (8)
  - 10 Board game (5)
  - 13 Jewel (3)
  - 15 Room for clerical work (6)
  - 16 Large enclosure for birds (6)
  - 17 Attempt (3)
  - 19 Top of leg (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:** ACROSS - 1 Benny Hill, 7 Offer, 9 Innuendo, 11 Sinew, 12 Recycle, 14 Glut, 15 Hit, 17 Ire, 18 Sips, 20 Against, 23 Royal, 24 Envelope, 26 Arson, 27 Twenty-one. DOWN - 2 Exile, 3 Nanny, 4 Inn, 5 Loosely, 6 Crow's feet, 8 Function, 10 Eels, 12 Rehearsal, 13 Cat's-eyes, 16 Opulent, 19 Ogre, 21 Ivory, 22 Sheen, 25 Vile.

- 23 Excess taking of a drug (8)
- 24 To dodge (5)
- 25 Minutes of meeting (5)
- 26 Area of controlled development around city (5,4)

- DOWN**
- 1 Man's garment worn under jacket (9)
  - 2 Engine (5)
  - 3 An award for bravery (5)
  - 4 A journey by sea (6)
  - 5 Record that goes immediately to No.1 (5,3)
  - 6 Book of maps (5)
  - 11 Photographer's request when taking snap (3,6)
  - 12 Larger or longer than standard (4,4)
  - 13 Obtain (3)
  - 14 Might (3)
  - 18 Work for an examination (6)
  - 20 Remain motionless in the air (5)
  - 21 Permit (5)
  - 22 Slightly mad (5)

Two sets of clues, but the answers are the same  
ANSWERS TOMORROW



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# Are you top BANANA or will you SLIP UP?

IT'S BEEN a mellow, yellow week in the Daily Star as we celebrate our fabulous Be A Fit Banana campaign. We've had plenty of fruity celebs and loads of info on the banana's fab health benefits.

Now we're giving you the chance to prove just how much you know about the exotic, potassium-packed snack in our banana-tastic quiz.

It's not just the fruit that has proved a superb source of sweetness and energy. Cartoons, pop groups and movies have all taken their inspiration from the good old nana. So, peel back that grey matter and see how you get on with our fun quiz, set by LOMA-ANN BONNER...

**1** WHICH popular children's television cartoon show features bananas dressed up in nightwear?

- a) Bananas in Dressing-gowns.
- b) Bananas in Nighties.
- c) Bananas in Pyjamas.

**2** WHICH song from hit Eighties group Bananarama featured a film star in the title?

- a) Robert de Niro's Waiting.
- b) Al Pacino's Twiddling His Thumbs.
- c) Tom Cruise is Loitering.

**3** WHAT was Eighties cartoon character Bananaman's real name?

- a) Ernie Ache.
- b) Eric Twinge.
- c) Alfie Itch.

**4** WHICH Seventies children's zany show was named after a fruity dessert?

- a) The Banana Splits.
- b) The Knickerbocker-glories.
- c) The Strawberry Cheesekakes.

**5** In the Eighties, which football team had inflatable bananas as their mascot?

- a) West Bromwich Albion.

- b) Nottingham Forest.
- c) Manchester City.

**6** WHICH cult artist designed the banana on the cover to Seventies album *The Velvet Underground And Nico*?

- a) Andy Warhol.
- b) Pablo Picasso.
- c) Roy Lichtenstein.

**7** BANANAS grow on the world's largest...

- a) Trees.
- b) Plants.
- c) Herbs.

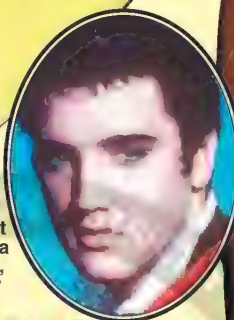
**8** WHOSE last supper was a fried banana and peanut butter sandwich?

- a) Kurt Cobain.
- b) Elvis Presley.
- c) Chardonnay in *Footballers' Wives*.

**9** IT'S well known that monkeys enjoy bananas, but which other animals love to feast on the fruit?

- a) Horses.
- b) Hamsters.
- c) Otters.

**Q8:** Whose last meal included a banana – Elvis, Chardonnay or Kurt Cobain, below right?



**Q2:** Which Banarama hit featured a film star?

**10** THE word banana comes from the arabic "banan" meaning...

- a) Curved.
- b) Finger.
- c) Yellow.

**11** WHAT was special about the Beetle car in the Eighties film *Herbie Goes Bananas*?

- a) It had a personality.
- b) It ran on mashed bananas.

c) It spoke seven languages.

**12** WHERE was the recent art installation of 30,000 bananas?

- a) The M1.
- b) Trafalgar Square.
- c) 10 Downing Street.

**13** UNRIPE bananas are which colour?

- a) Green.
- b) Blue.
- c) Pink.

**14** WHO coined the phrase "going bananas"?

- a) Liza Minelli.
- b) Brian Harvey.
- c) Frank Bruno.

**15** A GROUP of 10 or more bananas is correctly known as a...

- a) Cluster.
- b) Bunch.
- c) Bouquet.

**16** THE phrase "top banana" was originally given to...

- a) American burlesque comedians who had the best punchline.
- b) English gents with the tallest top hats.
- c) Brazilian dancers who could jump highest.

**17** HOW many nans were eaten by players at Wimbledon 2004?

- a) 1000.
- b) 800.
- c) 1500.

**18** HOW many calories in the average banana?

- a) 50.
- b) 200.
- c) 90.

**19** WHICH two products outsell bananas in UK supermarkets?

- a) Custard creams and tea.
- b) Lottery tickets and petrol.
- c) Bacon and white bread.

**20** IN a 1987 TV show, President Reagan's son Ron used one to...

- a) Demonstrate how to put on a condom.

- b) Point at a faraway object.
- c) Stuff down his trousers.

## ANSWERS

1) c; 2) a; 3) b; 4) a; 5) c; 6) a; 7) c; 8) b; 9) a; 10) b; 11) c; 12) b; 13) a; 14) a; 15) a; 16) a; 17) b; 18) c; 19) b; 20) a.

## HOW DID YOU DO?

15 to 20 correct: You are definitely a top banana.  
10 to 15: Banana Chip.  
Less than 10: Sorry, you are a mashed banana!



## FRUITY FACTS

BANANAS grow on bunches of elongated fruit, which takes about 120 days to ripen. The banana plant is a herbaceous perennial that grows from a central shoot. It is a member of the Musaceae family, which also includes the taro and the plantain. Bananas are one of the most popular fruits in the world, and are a good source of potassium and fibre.

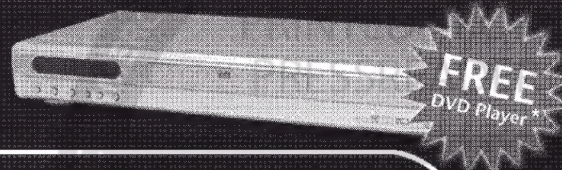
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The woman said: "How did you know I was blonde?"  
The assistant replied: "Because it's a microwave."

COLIN ALLSOP, Leyton, E. London.  
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on the high seas." Next, the man asked about his hand. "I got that bitten off by a shark off the coast of Jamaica."

The man asked: "So what about your eye - how did you lose that?"

The pirate said: "I was looking up at the mast when a seagull flew past and did a sh\*t in my eye."

The man said: "But how could a bit of seagull poo cost you your eye?"

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Mrs S. SPIERS, Batley, West Yorks.

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exactly is the point of ASBOs?

JAY DAVID, Leeds.

I AGREE with singer Verity Keays that Sharon Osbourne v Simon Cowell feud has cost her a place on The X Factor (Daily Star, November 1).

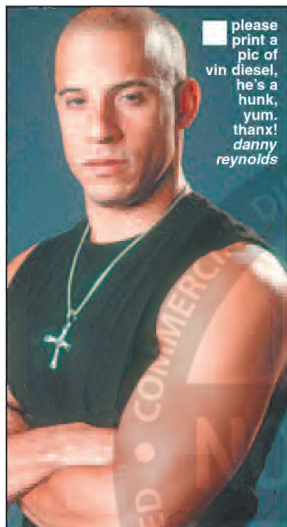
Sharon and Louis Walsh will stop at nothing to vote off Simon's hopefuls. Yet Simon is the only honest judge.

It's hardly worth watching the show now, because the contestants are simply pawns in a game of hate.

Mrs G. ARCHER, Birmingham.

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- ☐ I see the americans have confirmed that they are all stupid by electing Bush for 4 more years. **Richie**
- ☐ Blair will be relieved the organ grinder still has a job or it may have been a little lonely at the top. **mac**
- ☐ bush is still president. I wonda how many dead americans voted 4 him this time. **Cornflake girl, Wlv'ton**
- ☐ what terrible news 4 the world. get more body bags ready 4 the british troops. **paula**
- ☐ SHIT! 4 MORE YEARS OF BUSH. GOD HELP OUR SQUADDIES. LETS NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE WITH BLAIR. **KV**
- ☐ Well done us conservatives voting bush back. lets hope britain will do the same. **blackburn Keith and ml**
- ☐ any1 out there knows how 2 write 2 r LADZ in iraq? PLZ let me no. from a gal wiv support 2 giv. **RBKA**
- ☐ WOT AN EFFIN JOKE. PUTTIN YOB FAMILY IN A HOTEL. GIVE EM A TENT AND STICK EM ON THE MOORS. **ALAN, ROTHERHAM**
- ☐ family from hell put in hotel - deport these kind of people and give decent residents a peaceful life. **Iloydy**
- ☐ 2 cops shoot UNARMED man. courts say its unlawful killing, so y arnt they banged up? Stick 2 wot ur good at plod, ie ur gatsos! **Jerry, Bath**
- ☐ WHY THE HELL R G4 FAV TO WIN X FACTOR? THEY R BLOODY RUB-BISH. **TABBY TO WIN. Liam**
- ☐ 2 longshanks: hell yeah man, long live rock of old. reality shows and stupid pop idol related shows r 4 the idiots. So says me. **radamanthus**
- ☐ 4get busted, elvis or mcfly, think TUPAC SHAKUR now there's a true genius R.I.P. **MIKEAVELI**



please print a pic of vin diesel, he's a hunk, yum, thank! **danny reynolds**

- ☐ paul o'grady's vocabulary consists of "shut ur gob", please don't class us all in Liverpool as being like him. we can't stand him. **lyn**
- ☐ Any nice scousers out there? I'm in love wid ur accent. **Louise**
- ☐ Any1 out there know who won average joe hawaii? E4 never seemed to show the final! **BIG T. NEWCASTLE**
- ☐ Is anyone out there thinking the same as me & just don't understand the attraction with Charlie on corrie? **Julie, Somerset**
- ☐ why has gail from corrie got no chin? **SANKEY**
- ☐ best comedy show on tv has got to be THAT 70s SHOW on sky - and that donna character is one sexy chick. **LAFSALOT**
- ☐ Is it me or is the film the fat slags total crap? **the outfit**
- ☐ to eddie: hit a child and he will think its ok to hit others. what year are you living in you muppet? **declan**
- ☐ 2 bearman: wud u feel dat way if u had a baby woken up evrynite by kidz throwin firewrks? **vicky**
- ☐ I'd luv 2 get a life bearman, but some pr\*ks keep goin around BEFORE bonfire nite lettng off bangers while I'm trying 2 work. **NEZZY**
- ☐ steve, bromley - if ur a hunk, wot about a private viewin! im single an fit an up 4 it. an 2 kcal, i also luv they think its all ova. **mo, pontefract**
- ☐ Fed up wid supporting the hoops. Does n e 1 know who i shud support now? **CELTIC DAVE**
- ☐ I have dirty thoughts too, but i know why, its mick's fault! **abi**
- ☐ my boyfriend ad a bath once every 6 weeks at most. Wen e duz evn init 4 hours. Gods honour! **penny**

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The STAR-gazer who knows your future

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: A new moon coming soon will trigger off an exciting chain of events.  
CELEBRATING TODAY: Singers Lisa Scott-Lee, right, 28; Art Garfunkel, 63 and Bryan Adams, 45.

### Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)

DISBELIEF may be suspended. Certain people expect you to believe they don't have the funds you need. But because of a dreamy aspect, you tend to have a romantic vision of one relationship. To see why a different level of commitment is required, call...  
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### Taurus (Apr 21-May 21)

IT'S reassuring to know that everything will end up well this week. You may not be convinced others will support your cause. In fact they will, and with the sort of warmth and zest that you never expected. To see why it's time to pick up the pieces, call...  
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### Gemini (May 22-June 22)

A REUNION will take place, even if there's been a breakdown in communication. Besides, there is no point in trying to resolve situations that are out of your control. But there is no doubt someone will captivate you with their charm. To see why you can expect a great send-off, call...  
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### Cancer (June 23-July 23)

A FAMILY rift can be healed. In fact, you may wonder what all the fuss is about. A dispute over who owns or shares what could hot up. But that doesn't alter your feelings one bit if you are passionate about a move. To see why it should be home sweet home, call...  
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### Leo (July 24-Aug 23)

YOU probably think that you can change someone else's mind - but it might not even be worth trying. In fact, they are hoping to pull the wool over your eyes, and are also inclined to cast a bit of a shadow over a partnership. To see why you can expect a lovely emotional reaction, call...  
To receive daily texts send DSLEO to 63333 **0905 072 0099 (05) \***

### Virgo (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU may be organised in parts, and in other ways, your life may seem like a disaster. Aside from that, there may have been a flurry of excitement earlier this week - but what really happened wasn't interesting. To see why you may be going on an emotional journey, call...  
To receive daily texts send DSVIR to 63333 **0905 072 0099 (06) \***

### Libra (Sep 24-Oct 23)

BOTH Venus and Jupiter currently in Libra exert a magical influence. And, even though certain individuals may have contradicted your claims, you should have them eating out of your hand today. To see why you are needed and much-loved by everyone, call...  
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### Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

THE strain at home and on your relationships may have left you feeling flat. However, for some reason, what you are told or discover in private should make you sparkle, if not positively glow inside. To find out about an opportunity that is not to be missed, call...  
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### Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

BY all accounts something profound, yet unexplainable, has just happened. Maybe you are not aware of it, or it's like looking through the keyhole. However, it is best not to pry into someone else's private or secret life. To see why you'll love being the centre of attention, call...  
To receive daily texts send DSSAG to 63333 **0905 072 0099 (09) \***

### Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU may have suffered some kind of loss recently, though it seems more like an act of betrayal. And, money isn't the only aspect of this sorry business, because you probably feel that others have been disloyal. To see why your confidence should begin to soar, call...  
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### Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU couldn't have predicted that someone else would go against you, and at first you are bound to be dismayed. Even then, a marvellous link between Jupiter and Venus should encourage more interaction between you. To see why your powers of observation are remarkable, call...  
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### Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)

THERE could be some sort of deception going on. More, it seems that various rumours won't go away. But whatever has just happened, you should shrug your shoulders and wade through all the information. To see why you can expect a satisfactory conclusion, call...  
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# MOTOR MOUTH



ROOF-LESS: New Focus looks great, but won't be here until late 2006

## Fresh air Focus

LAST time Ford teamed up with Italian design house Pininfarina they came up with soft-top the StreetKa. And quite rightly that excellent little motor has been a huge success.

However, if you're a roof-down freak and the StreetKa's not big enough, you're pretty much stuck with a choice between the Peugeot 307CC (coupé cabriolet), Renault Mégane CC and VW Beetle Cabrio at the moment. And it looks like being that way for another two years, because this week Ford said the Focus CC won't be with us until the end of 2006, while Vauxhall weren't sure that open-top versions of the Astra will even be out by

then. Still, thanks to this picture, at least we now know what to expect from Ford, and doesn't it look stylish.

I particularly like the shark's mouth front end, while twin exhausts, built in to each side of a low rear spoiler, also look cool, though I doubt they'll stay on the real car.

### Metal

The Focus CC will feature an electric, folding, metal roof and will be built at Pininfarina's Turin plant.

Ford promise that prices will make it a serious player in Europe's second-largest open-top market behind German - that's right, it's the UK.

# Evil Evo's FQing fast



**SORRY, but if you want to talk to me for the next week or two, you'll have to SHOUT.**

My ears are ringing, my head hurts, my nose is full of the smell of burning brakes, oil and petrol.

Oh, and I'm still shaking, and I've got a horrible feeling my eyes are bleeding, thanks to having them shoved through the back of my head.

I've just stepped out of the monstrous, awesome, utterly mental machine known as the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution VIII MR FQ-400.

The MR bit stands for Mitsubishi Racing, the 400 relates to its 405bhp engine - that's *twice* the power of a V6 Jaguar S-Type - and the FQ?

Well what do you think? This car is effing quick.

### Crazy

In fact, it's so fast it makes my mate Martin's BMW M3 feel like a shopping trolley. It hammers a £330,000 Porsche Carrera GT from 0-60mph, and is even a quicker sprinter than one of the world's most exclusive sports cars, the Pagani Zonda.

Ferraris? Lamborghini's? Not in the same league, folks.

You see, this is the world's fastest four-door saloon car. To describe it as crazy would be mild. Insane would be getting near.

Locked up in a padded cell, pouring out smoke and shrieking to be let out would be more like it.

Now, I absolutely dare *not* tell you



PLAIN FACE: But the mighty Evo FQ-400 is dashed quick

where, or when, I drove the Evo FQ-400. But even if the cops (gendarmes, polizia, carabinieri, etc, etc) had tried to stop me in a helicopter they wouldn't have had a chance.

**Cars that hit 100mph in just 9.1 seconds and 150mph on country lanes (180mph on big roads) are pretty much unstoppable, except by a tractor.**

I absolutely loved the description of it by Mitsubishi's sales and marketing boss Lance Bradley: "This is a versatile four-door saloon that can out-accelerate supercars costing almost 10 times as much."

I'm sorry, Lance, say that again: "A versatile four-door saloon?"

It's a bloody hooligan. It won't chuck eggs at you on Halloween night. It'll throw Semtex grenades.

The sheer thrill, the excitement,

the pure unadulterated adrenalin rush of the FQ-400 is wild beyond belief. It is absolutely sensational.

Mind you, it's a bit odd, too, because you sit inside this near 50-grand wondercar and it doesn't feel special at all.

### Rubbish

Fair enough, there's some fancy honeycombe trim, but slashes of gun-metal silver turn out to be plastic, the CD-stereo comes from a car accessory shop and the whole thing is surrounded by mottled, rock-hard, black plasty trim.

It's rubbish. Apart from the racing style, figure-hugging black Ralliart seats. Fifty grand? You must be joking. Oh well, start the engine and that massive, five-inch-wide drain-pipe of an exhaust really comes into

## What a Cruiser



IF you want to join a very exclusive club, here's your chance.

This is the Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio, which goes on sale next May at £17,495, and just 100 are going on sale.

As well as an electric folding roof, you get full leather trim, rear seats

which fold flat to leave a massive boot-space and a new 143bhp, 2.4-litre petrol engine to replace the 134bhp 2.0-litre unit.

So why only 100? Trouble is, it's left-hand-drive only and there are no plans for right-hand-drive versions at the moment. That's a shame.

## GIVE US A STEER

**Q** I'VE got the chance to buy an ex-company Renault Laguna 1.8 Dynamique hatchback on an 01/51-plate with 107,000 miles for £3,500.

It has a full service history and has done most of its miles on the motorway. What do you think?

**A** The market value of this car is at least £2,000 more and it looks like a real bargain - especially with service history.

Laguna is well-equipped, spacious and has a five-star Euro NCAP rating, but you should consider that owners have reported serious reliability issues including overheating, gearbox failure, electrical problems and water leaks.

**Q** After months of deciding on my next car, I've decided to buy a 1990/H Toyota MR-2 GT. It's up for £2,800 with a full service history. Is this a good price, what specification did it have and do any have air-con?

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**A** The price is exactly what we'd expect you to be paying in a private sale. The mid-engined, rear-wheel-drive, MR-2

GT was launched in 1990 and spec is pretty basic by today's standards.

Air-con was never standard, but it came with 14in alloys, pop-up headlamps, central locking, electric windows, manual sunroof and a rear spoiler.

Power steering was added in 1992 and ABS in 1994.